

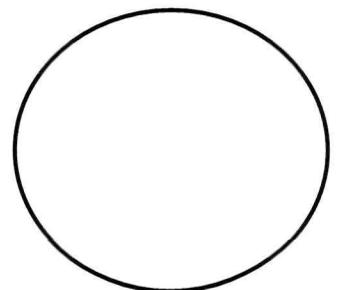
Jean Lafitte
National Historical Park & Preserve

National Park Service
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Junior Rangers!

Welcome to the Barataria Preserve!



Your Name

Stamp the date here!



The **Barataria Preserve** is protected by the **National Park Service** so that **EVERYONE** may enjoy the beauty of Louisiana's wetlands.

Your job as a **JUNIOR RANGER** is to find out what makes the Barataria Preserve so special. For Rangers **3-7 years old**, complete 2 activities. For Rangers **8-12 years old**, complete all of the activities. Share your completed activities with a Park Ranger in Visitor Center to earn a Junior Ranger badge and certificate.

Before you begin your adventure, please share the following pointers with everyone in your group:

1. Stay on the trails at all times- poison ivy, snakes, and fire ants are common off of the trails.
2. Take only photos and memories, not sticks and flowers.
3. Leave only footprints and not litter
4. You are a guest in the natural home of wild plants and animals- do not disturb them.
5. Use your Nature Voice when talking to your friends and family on the trail so you do not scare wildlife.

BARATARIA BINGO!

Watch  and listen  for these creatures. When you discover one, mark the square with an "X." Can you discover them all?

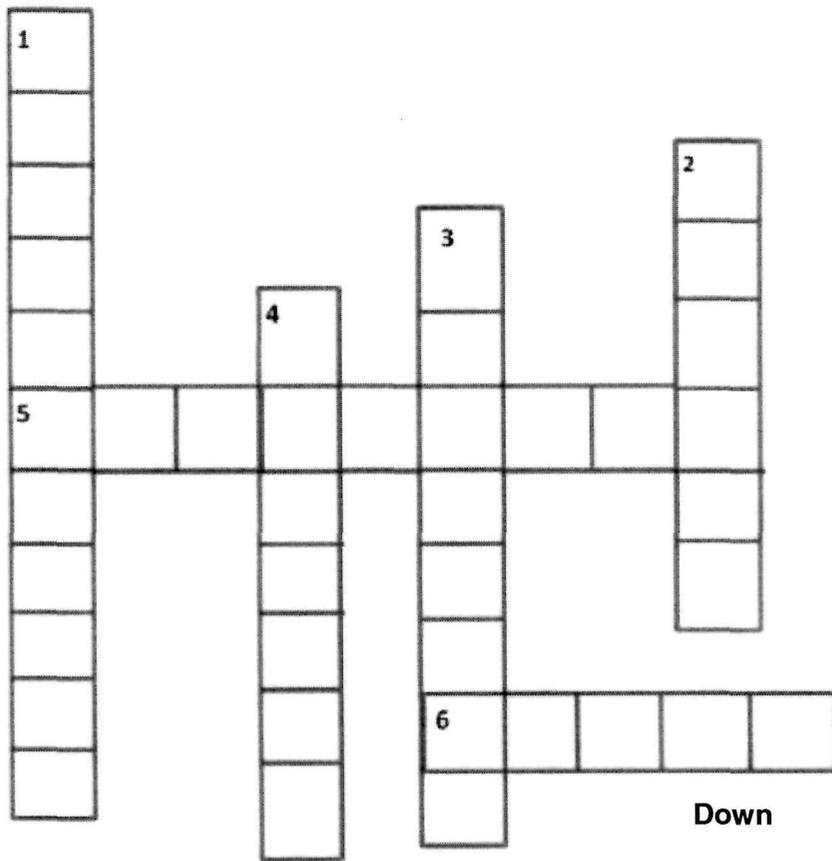
  Anole	 Owl  	  Carpenter Ant	 Cypress Tree 
  Frog 	 Dragonfly 	  Animal tracks	 Snake 
 Mosquito  	 Wild flowers 	  Turtle	 Egret  
 Fish 	  Alligator 	 Song Bird  	 Spider 

What else did you see on your hike? Use the space below to draw or write about any interesting plants, animals, or other organisms you discovered!

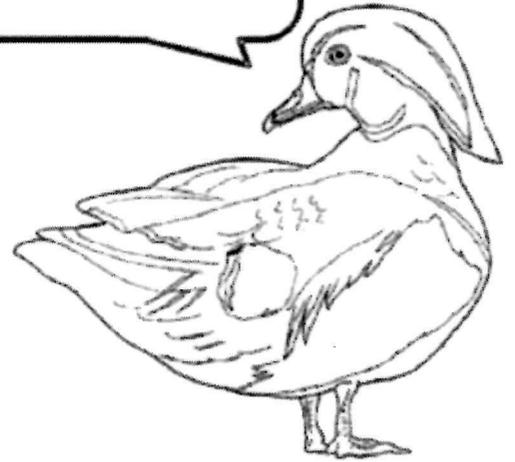


Barataria Preserve

Crossword Puzzle



Wood ducks love color!
My feathers are brown,
white, blue, and green.
Can you color me?



Across

5. This reptile is the king of the swamp!
You may think it is a log in the water.

6. This type of habitat has trees like
baldcypress growing in the water.

Down

1. The park is names for this man who helped General Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans. Some say he was a pirate!
2. The orange-toothed rodent is an invasive species that loves to eat the roots of the plants and trees at the Barataria Preserve.
3. This arthropod lives in the swamp and many people in Louisiana love to eat this mudbug!
4. This canoe-like boat was used by American Indians to travel through the marshes and swamps.



Spiderwort flowers can be found throughout the Preserve in the spring. The flowers can be pink, light purple or blue! Will you color them?

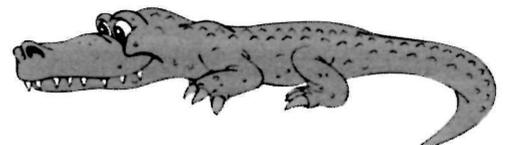
Answer Key	
1. Jean Lafitte	3. Crawfish
2. Nutria	4. Pirogue
5. Alligator	6. Swamp

You're the Ranger!

Park Rangers (and Junior Rangers, too!) promise to protect the animals, plants, and history in the special places that are national parks. They also help other people learn about special places like the Barataria Preserve and why it is important to protect them. Rangers answer lots of questions every day. Can you answer these?



A visitor wants to know why feeding the alligators are against the rules. What would you tell him?



A visitor wants to know if she can pick some flowers to take home. What would you tell her?





Your Turn!

Use the space below to draw or write about wildlife sightings.

What was the most beautiful thing you saw on your walk?

What message would you like to share with another visitor?

How can you help protect special places like the Barataria Preserve?

Junior Ranger Pledge

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to do all that I can to protect and preserve the plants, animals, and history of Louisiana and the United States.

I will do all that I can to help others learn about the special like the Barataria Preserve.